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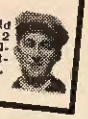

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GANG WAR IN BROOKLYN

OUT OF THE BLAZING HISTORY OF EASTERN SEABOARD CRIMES COMES THIS DARING EPISODE OF THE IMFAMOUS BROOKLYN BANDITS... JUST AS IT HAPPENED THAT AUGUST 21, 1934!
TWO ADDITIONAL NAMES ADDED TO THE POLICE FILES IN THE MUNICIPAL MORGUE:
BLACKIE GRAHAM — 1936 —
CHARLIE CRUMB — 1934 —
NEED READY CASH?
IT'S "BLACKIE" GRAHAM'S MOB! SHOOT TO KILL!
JOE Mauro
THE STARTLING CASE OF THE CRIME CAPER WHICH SHOCKED THE ENTIRE NATION!
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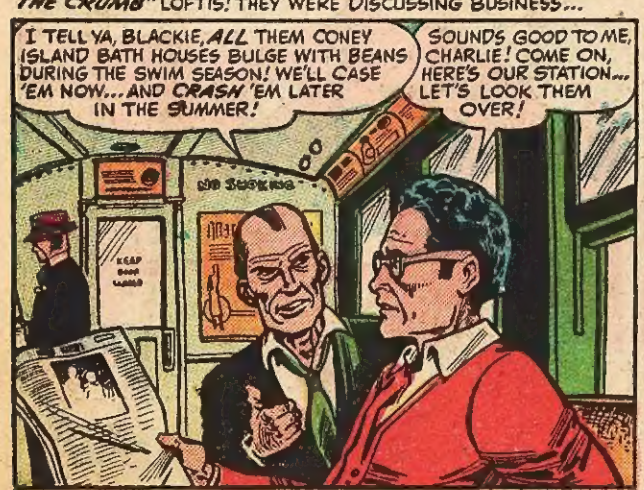
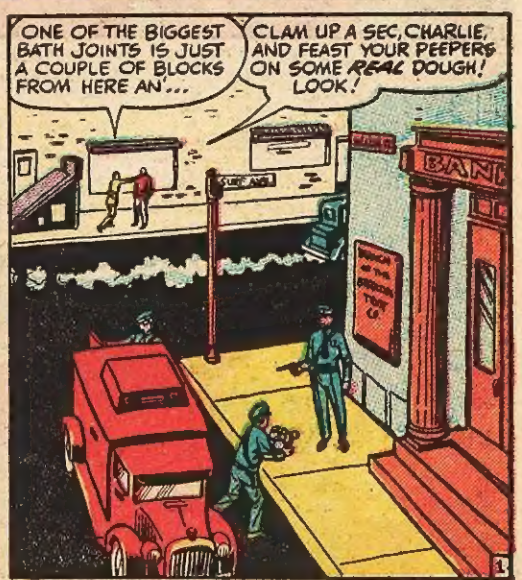
THE DAY IT ALL BEGAN WAS TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 1934! THE PLACE WAS THE REAR SUBWAY CAR ON THE SEA-BEACH EXPRESS BOUND FOR CONEY ISLAND! THE TWO HOODLUMS WHO SAT IN THE BACK OF THE CAR WERE JOHN "BLACKIE" GRAHAM AND CHARLES "*CHARLIE THE CRUMB*" LOFTIS! THEY WERE DISCUSSING BUSINESS...


I TELL YA, BLACKIE, *ALL* THEM CONEY ISLAND BATH HOUSES BULGE WITH BEANS DURING THE SWIM SEASON! WE'LL CASE 'EM NOW... AND *CRASH* 'EM LATER IN THE SUMMER!
SOUNDS GOOD TO ME, CHARLIE! COME ON, HERE'S OUR STATION... LET'S LOOK THEM OVER!


ONE OF THE BIGGEST BATH JOINTS IS JUST A COUPLE OF BLOCKS FROM HERE AN'...
CLAM UP A SEC, CHARLIE, AND FEAST YOUR PEEPERS ON SOME *REAL* DOUGH! LOOK!
BANK
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ALL NAMES AND PLACES IN THESE TRUE-TO-LIFE STORIES ARE FICTITIOUS
ANY SIMILARITY BETWEEN ACTUAL PERSONS OR PLACES AND THOSE USED IN THESE STORIES IS PURELY COINCIDENTAL

WITH THAT KIND OF DOUGH I COULD BUY A SWELL UPSTATE FARM AND ENOUGH COWS AND PIGS TO BE ONE OF THEM "GENTLEMEN FARMERS"!
AW, YER OFF YER ROCKER, BLACKIE!

KNOCKIN' OFF BANKS IS BIG-TIME! WE BETTER STICK TO GAS STATIONS AND BEACH HOUSES!
I'VE BEEN IN THE LOW CLASS TOO LONG, CHARLIE! I THINK IT'S TIME I GRADUATED! COME ON, LET'S TALK ABOUT IT OVER A BREW!

THREE BEERS LATER, LOFTIS HAD HIS PAL CONVINCED! THEY FORGOT THE BEACH HOUSES AND CONCENTRATED ON THE BANK! FOR A WEEK THEY CASED THE PLACE, THEN ---

I FIGURE THIS JOB IS TOO BIG FER US TO HANDLE ALONE, CHARLIE! WE'VE GOT TO GET HELP! KNOW ANY GOOD BOYS?
SURE! THERE'S "BOILS" RAFTIS, AND ITCHY CARPENTO -- THEY'VE BOTH DONE TIME AN' KNOW THE ANGLES!
BANK

THE EXPERTS LOOKED OVER THE LAYOUT AND DECIDED THAT MORE HELP WAS NEEDED. THE TWO JENSON BROTHERS "SQUINT" AND "NAILS" WERE CALLED IN BY "BOILS" RAFTIS, AND ALSO A THREE-TIME LOSER NAMED MIKE "MONSTER" MURPHY.

WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO PULL, BOILS? THESE MUGS ARE WANTED FOR THE O'CONNELL SNATCH! THEY'RE HOTTER'N A TWO-BIT PISTOL!
SO WHAT? EITHER THEY STAY--OR WE ALL BLOW!

OKAY, BOILS! THEY STAY! BUT REMEMBER, THIS CAPER IS MY BRAIN-STORM AND IT'S WORTH OVER A MILLION BUCKS! I DON'T WANT ANY MISTAKES!
THERE WON'T BE ANY, BLACKIE.... IF YOU LET MONSTER BLUEPRINT THIS JOB! HE KNOWS THE ROPES--STRAND BY STRAND!

THE GANG HELD REGULAR MEETINGS IN A FURNISHED APARTMENT IN EAST SIDE MANHATTAN UNTIL THE NEIGHBORS GOT SUSPICIOUS! BY THEN THE WEATHER WAS MILD SO THE BOYS MOVED TO A GRASSY HILL ALONG THE PARK STRIP ON RIVERSIDE DRIVE, IN THE EIGHTIES, AND THAT BECAME THEIR DAILY RENDEZVOUS!

WHAT'RE YOU STALLING FOR, MONSTER? WE'VE BEEN MEETING HERE FOR A LONG TIME NOW! YOU AIN'T TURNING YELLOW, ARE YOU?
QUIT BLOWIN' OFF STEAM, BLACKIE! I'VE BEEN CASIN' THAT BANK FOR WEEKS-- AN' I GOT NEWS FOR YOU!

LAY OFF, BLACKIE! GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO TELL YA ALL OF IT! GO AHEAD, MONSTER! TELL HIM THE REST!
LIKE I WAS SAYIN', THE BANK CAPER IS OUT! TOO MANY PEOPLE AND CARS AROUND THERE! IF ONE OF THEM GETS PLUGGED IN THE HOLDUP, THE COPS WILL PIN A MURDER RAP ON US!
SO WHAT?
SO IN SOME QUIET SPOT IN BROOKLYN WE HIJACK THE ARMORED CAR INSTEAD!
EVEN A THICK-SKULLED SMALL TIME HOODLUM LIKE BLACKIE GRAHAM COULD SEE THAT THE ARMORED TRUCK AMBUSH WAS A FAR BETTER DEAL THAN THE BANK STUNT! SO FOR WEEKS AFTER THAT THE ENTIRE GANG TOOK TURNS TAILING THE MONEY-WAGON, MAKING NOTES OF EVERY ACTION ... EVERY MOVE ... EVERY STOP!
THE TRUCK HAS NO REGULAR ROUTE! THE GUARDS GET THEIR...
...INSTRUCTIONS IN A SEALED ENVELOPE EVERY MORNING AT...
...THE COMPANY'S GARAGE! ALWAYS STOP AT...
...THE BANK AND THE RUBEL ICE COMPANY! THREE GUARDS...
...BULLETPROOF GLASS...STEEL PLATE BODY... DRIVER SITS WITH GUN IN LAP, AND...
...IS ALWAYS IN TRUCK! OTHER TWO LEAVE TRUCK ONE MINUTE APART...
...WHEN PICKUP IS MADE! WHEN SECOND GUARD OPENS DOOR... THAT'S THE SPLIT SECOND WE STRIKE!
UNITED STATES TRUCKING CORP.
WE'RE READY TO PULL THE JOB! WE JUST GOT JOE KEATS TO SNATCH A COUPLE OF CARS AND WE NEED YOU TWO BOYS AND YOUR BOATS! THAT'LL MAKE TEN OF US AND THE SPLIT IS EVEN! WE CAN'T MISS, ADAMS!
A SQUARE DIVVY ON A MILLION BEANS, HUH? OKAY, BLACKIE, COUNT ME AND BENNY HALLS IN...
BAIT
GRAVESEND BAY
BOATS FOR HIRE
...BUT I DON'T SAVVY WHY YOU WANT THE SKIFFS, TOO!
IF IT CONFUSES YOU, ADAMS, JUST THINK WHAT IT'LL DO TO THE COPS... WHEN WE MAKE OUR GETAWAY OVER WATER! BE SEEIN' YOU!
GRAVESEND BAY
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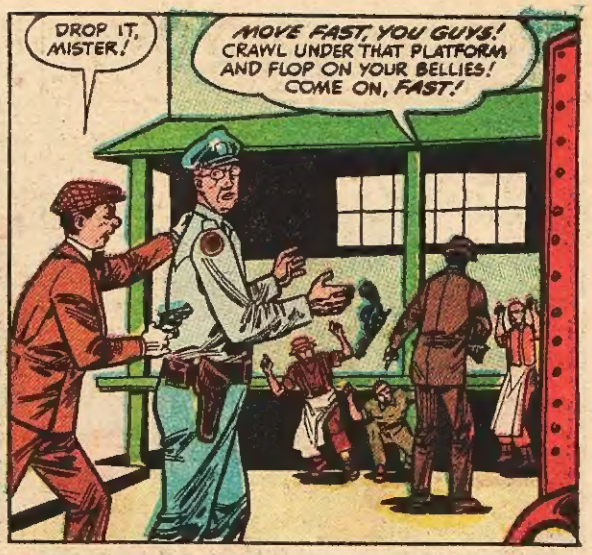
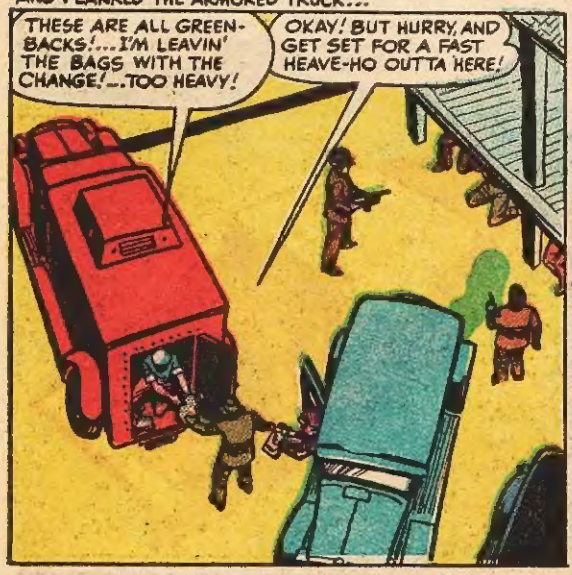
THE GANG REALIZED THAT THE ARMORED-TRUCK WAS AN IMPREGNABLE FORTRESS WHEN CLOSED UP! ONE GUARD SEALED INSIDE COULD HOLD OFF AN ARMY! THE ONLY TIME IT WAS OPENED...FOR ONLY A SECOND...WAS WHEN A GUARD GOT IN OR OUT! THE POLAR ICE COMPANY STOP WAS THE SPOT PICKED FOR THE HIJACK! FOR WEEKS BEFORE THE ZERO HOUR THE GANG WOULD MEET DAILY, THEN SEPARATE AND DRIFT AROUND THE ICE HOUSE TO MAKE THEMSELVES FAMILIAR FIGURES AND NOT AROUSE SUSPICION ON THE DAY OF THE BIG BLOW OFF...

YEAH, BOILS, THEY'LL JUST FIGURE US FOR MOOCHERS LOAFIN' AROUND IN THE SUN!
HERE COMES BLACKIE, WITH HIS APRON AND CART!
POLAR IC
I'LL PARK MY WAGON HERE WHERE THE MONEY-TRUCK ALWAYS STOPS FOR THE PICKUP! THEY'LL GET USED TO SEEIN' ME AROUND! THERE'S MONSTER LOAFIN' ON THE PLATFORM!
A COUPLE OF WEEKS OF THIS AN' WE'LL BE ALL SET! I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO GET MY PAWS ON ALL THAT DOUGH!
FINALLY THE BIG DAY CAME...TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1934! EACH MAN WAS AT HIS USUAL SPOT EARLY THAT MORNING ...WAITING...ANXIOUS...
POLAR ICE COMPANY
Office
MONSTER
BLACKIE AND HIS CART
BOILS AND THE JENSON BROTHERS.
HEY, MISTER! GOT A SLIVER OF ICE IN HERE THAT I...
GET OUT OF THERE! THERE'S NO ICE IN THERE! BEAT IT!
...NAW, SCRAM, LOUIE! I DON'T FEEL LIKE GABBIN' THIS MORNING! GOT SOMETHING ON MY MIND!
OKAY, OKAY!-- I WAS JUST TRYIN' TO BE SOCIABLE!
THERE'S THE IRON HORSE AT LAST! NOW TO SLIP ON THE GLOVES AND GET MY HANDS ON ONE OF THE CHOPPERS UNDER THESE SACKS! WE EITHER GET RICH-- OR A FREE FUNERAL!

THE FIRST GUARD DREW HIS GUN AND OPENED THE DOOR! HE SLAMMED IT SHUT AND WALKED TOWARD THE PLATFORM! THE CAB DOOR SWUNG OPEN AGAIN AND GUARD JOHN WOOD GOT OUT... BUT BEFORE HE COULD SLAM IT...



TWO SEDANS DRIVEN BY KEATS AND CHARLIE ROARED UP AND FLANKED THE ARMORED TRUCK...


THESE ARE ALL GREEN-BACKS!... I'M LEAVIN' THE BAGS WITH THE CHANGE!... TOO HEAVY!
OKAY! BUT HURRY, AND GET SET FOR A FAST HEAVE-HO OUTTA HERE!

HEY! WAIT'LL I'M IN, WILL YOU? YOU MADE ME DROP MY TOMMY! GO AHEAD NOW! THERE'S NO TIME TO PICK IT UP!
OKAY, BLACKIE... OKAY! I WAS JUST ANXIOUS TO GET ROLLIN'!

THREE MINUTES...THAT'S ALL THE TIME THAT ELAPSED FROM THE TIME THE ARMORED-CAR PULLED INTO THE ICE PLANT AND THE TIME THE BANDITS ROARED AWAY... WITH $427,950 IN SMALL BILLS!

CHECK ALL VEHICLES LEAVING BROOKLYN!

ALL OFF DUTY DETECTIVES REPORT TO YOUR PRECINCTS IMMEDIATELY!

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WATCH ALL BRIDGES, TUNNELS, FERRY SLIPS FOR MEN DESCRIBED AS...

WHILE THE POLICE WORKED FEVERISHLY BOTTLING UP BROOKLYN, THE BANDITS WERE WELL OUT IN GRAVESEND BAY IN THEIR TWO BOATS!

WHAT A SWEET JOB! IT WAS PERFECT! EVERYTHING CLICKED OFF LIKE A SWISS WATCH! WE GOT THE JACK WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT AN' THIS GETAWAY WILL LEAVE THE COPS BAFFLED FOR HOURS... MAYBE DAYS!

AFTER WE GET THIS DOUGH OUTTA THESE CANVAS BAGS AND INTO THESE POTATO SACKS WE OUGHTA HEAVE ALL THE ARTILLERY OVERBOARD, BLACKIE!

THEY'RE ONLY IN THE WAY! HERE'S A CLIPPED-OFF SHOT GUN THAT'S TANGLED IN THE DRAWSTRINGS OF...

DON'T YANK IT, YOU...!!

OWW!

BANG!

THIS HAUSER TIED ABOVE THE HOLE WILL KEEP THE CHOWDERHEADED BUM FROM BLEEDING TO DEATH! HE COULD'VE BLOWN A HOLE IN THE BOAT AND DROWNED US LIKE RATS!

HE'S OUT COLD! WE'LL HAVE TO GET HIM TO A DOC WHEN WE HIT AVERNE!

THE NIGHT BEFORE, THE GANG HAD PARKED A ONE-TON TRUCK ON THE WATERFRONT AT AVERNE IN QUEENS...

YOU GUYS SCUTTLE THE BOATS THEN SPLIT UP AND LAM BACK TO MANHATTAN! A COUPLE OF YOU STAY WITH CHARLIE UNTIL KEATS GETS BACK WITH A CAR! SEE YOU LATER AT THE HIDEOUT!

WAREHOUSE

THAT EVENING IN A DINGY HOLE IN A ROOMING HOUSE AT 334 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, A SHADY, UNDERWORLD SAWBONES OPERATED ON CHARLIE THE CRUMB!

WILL HE MAKE IT, DOC?

IT'S HARD TO SAY...HE'S LOST A LOT OF BLOOD! I'LL DO MY BEST!

AND THE FOLLOWING MORNING...

CHARLIE IS DEAD!

CHARLIE'S BODY WAS CRAMMED INTO A TRUNK AND THE CROOKED DOCTOR WAS PAID A GRAND FOR THE OPERATION! HE GOT ANOTHER $1500 TO SEE THAT CHARLIE THE CRUMB GOT A DECENT BURIAL!

...WITH ALL THE EXPENSES PAID WE EACH GET A FORTY-SEVEN GRAND SLICE OF THE PIE! HERE YOU ARE, BOYS-- DON'T SPEND IT ALL IN ONE PLACE!

FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND IRON MEN... WOW!

THE GANG SPLIT UP AND NEVER WORKED AS A TEAM AGAIN! MEANWHILE THE F.B.I. ENTERED THE CASE, AS WELL AS THE BURNS DETECTIVE AGENCY AND THE PINKERTONS...

WE'VE GOT THE GETAWAY CARS, THE BOATS, THE ICE-CART AND THE STOOLIES ARE BEGINNING TO CHIRP! IN ANOTHER TWENTY-FOUR HOURS I'LL HAVE THE NAME OF EVERYONE OF THOSE BROOKLYN BANDITS!

ON SUNDAY MORNING AUGUST 26, 1934, A DISMEMBERED BODY WAS FOUND IN AN ABANDONED TRUCK ON WEST 94TH STREET.

THAT'S CHARLIE THE CRUMB ALL RIGHT-- I WAS ON HIS TRAIL ONCE WHEN WE THOUGHT HE WAS MIXED UP IN...

OKAY! SWEEP HIM UP AND TAKE HIM DOWN TO THE MORGUE!

IN A WEEK'S TIME THE POLICE KNEW THE IDENTITY OF EVERY MAN... BUT LACK OF EVIDENCE AND WEAK WITNESSES DELAYED THE VOTING OF INDICTMENTS FOR MORE THAN FOUR YEARS! DURING THAT TIME ALMOST ALL OF THE BANDITS WERE JAILED FOR OTHER JOBS! ON THE EVENING OF FRIDAY JULY 9, 1936, BLACKIE GRAHAM WAS WALKING ON EAST 108TH ST., WHEN...

DON'T... DON'T SHOOT! I--- ARRGH...

BANG BANG

THE POLICE NEVER LEARNED WHY OR WHO MURDERED BLACKIE GRAHAM! THE BROOKLYN BANDIT CASE WAS BOGGED DOWN UNTIL THE BRONX DISTRICT ATTORNEY LEARNED THAT "BOILS" RAFTIS HAD A KID BROTHER WHO WAS A ROOKIE COP...

I'LL DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO HELP, MR. HOLEY... I'LL GO TO DANNEMORA AND TALK TO MY BROTHER IF YOU THINK IT'LL DO ANY GOOD!

I'M SURE IT WILL, PATROLMAN RAFTIS! GOOD LUCK!

THREE DAYS LATER...

ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT! I'LL TALK! I'LL SPILL IT ALL! ONLY QUIT HOUNDING ME! I'LL TALK!

RAFTIS TALKED ALL RIGHT... BUT EVEN HE COULDN'T TELL WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THE LOOT! HE LOST HIS IN A MOONSHINE DEAL UPSTATE! WHAT THE OTHERS DID WITH THEIR SHARE IS STILL A MYSTERY! BUT IT'S NO MYSTERY AS TO WHAT HAPPENED TO *THE BROOKLYN BANDITS* WHEN JUSTICE ASKED FOR ITS PAYMENT... *FOR THREE MINUTES OF CRIME!*

CHARLIE THE CRUMB
DIED FROM GUN WOUND.

BLACKIE GRAHAM
MURDERED BY UNKNOWN GUNMAN

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SURE, TOM, YOU'VE GOT THE BRAINS AND MORE FOR THAT SUPERVISOR'S JOB — BUT YOU'D NEVER BE ABLE TO KEEP THOSE TOUGH HOMBRES IN THE SHOP IN LINE!
WELL, MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT, BOSS!
TOM'D LOVE TO DATE YOU, BETTY! WHY DON'T YOU GIVE HIM A BREAK?
OH, TOM'S A NICE GUY, JANE — BUT YOU KNOW HOW IT IS — I LIKE A MAN WHO CAN DISH IT OUT AS WELL AS TAKE IT!
IT'S NO USE, SAM — I'M MORSE THAN A WASH-OUT IN THIS PLANT! I CAN'T GET PROMOTIONS LIKE YOU!
TAKE IT EASY, TOM! ALL YOU NEED IS A DAILY, 10-MINUTE WORK-OUT WITH 'MINI-GYM' AND YOU'LL SOON BE GIVING ME A RUN FOR MY MONEY! HERE, LOOK AT THIS AD!
GOSH, SAM, I'M A NEW MAN! AM I GLAD YOU MADE ME CLIP THAT 'MINI-GYM' COUPON! WATCH ME DO JOE BONOMO'S TRICKY EXERCISE 10 AGAIN! IT'S A KILLER-DILLER!
GO TO IT, KID! I ALWAYS KNEW YOU HAD THE STUFF, BUT IT TAKES 'MINI-GYM' TO GIVE A MAN TOP TRAINING!
NEXT TIME, FELLER, YOU'D BETTER THINK FIRST BEFORE YOU START SHOOTING OFF YOUR MOUTH AT ME!
OH, TOM, YOU'RE WONDERFUL!
HONEST, TOM, I-I DIDN'T MEAN NOTHING!
TWO MONTHS LATER...
THAT SUPERVISOR'S JOB IS YOURS, TOM! AND I DON'T HAVE TO WISH YOU LUCK! YOU'VE MADE YOURSELF INTO A REAL "COMER" WHO MAKES HIS OWN LUCK!
THANKS, BOSS! I'LL MAKE GOOD... AND HOW!

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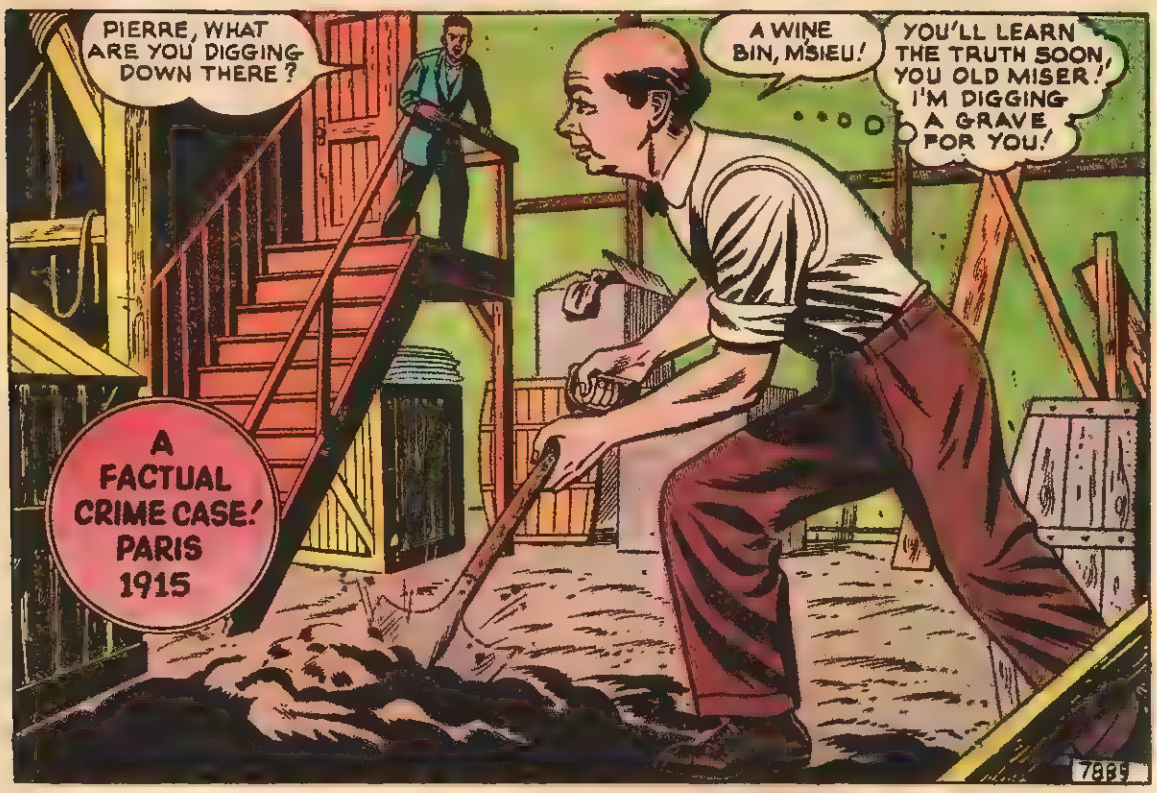
PIERRE, WHAT ARE YOU DIGGING DOWN THERE?
A WINE BIN, M'SIEU!
YOU'LL LEARN THE TRUTH SOON, YOU OLD MISER! I'M DIGGING A GRAVE FOR YOU!
A FACTUAL CRIME CASE! PARIS 1915
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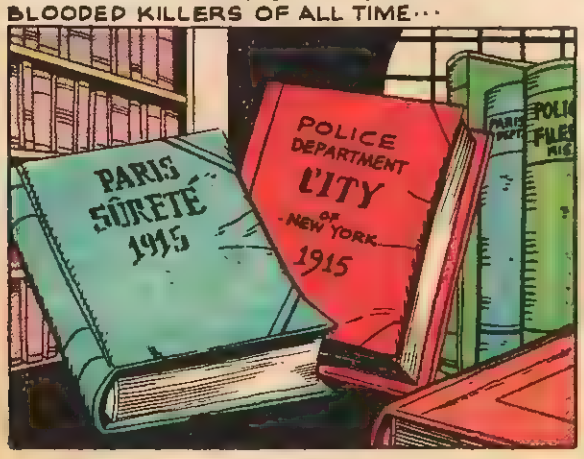
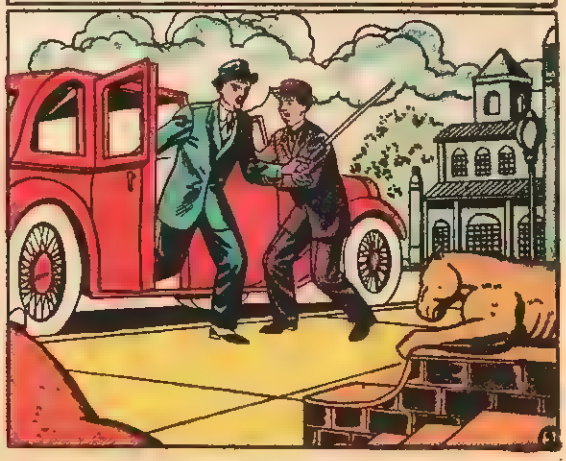
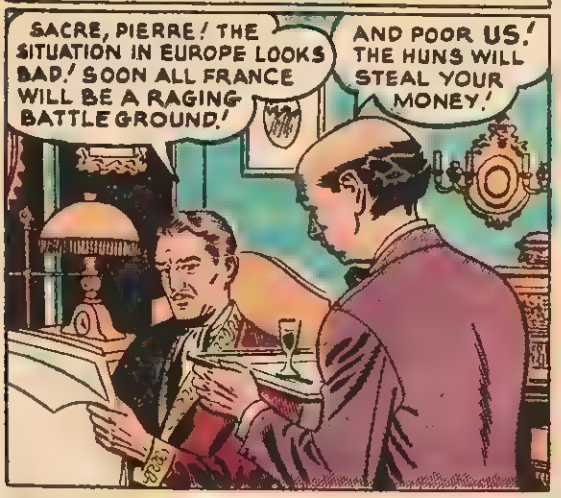
TO DELVE INTO THE STORY OF PIERRE CACHON, IT IS NECESSARY TO LOOK INTO THE SECRET FILES OF THE SÛRETÉ OF PARIS AND THE CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS OF THE NEW YORK POLICE! IN THOSE MUSTY VOLUMES REPOSE THE COLD FACTS THAT REVEAL THE IRONIC TWIST OF DESTINY THAT BROUGHT TO THE GUILLOTINE ONE OF THE MOST COLD-BLOODED KILLERS OF ALL TIME...

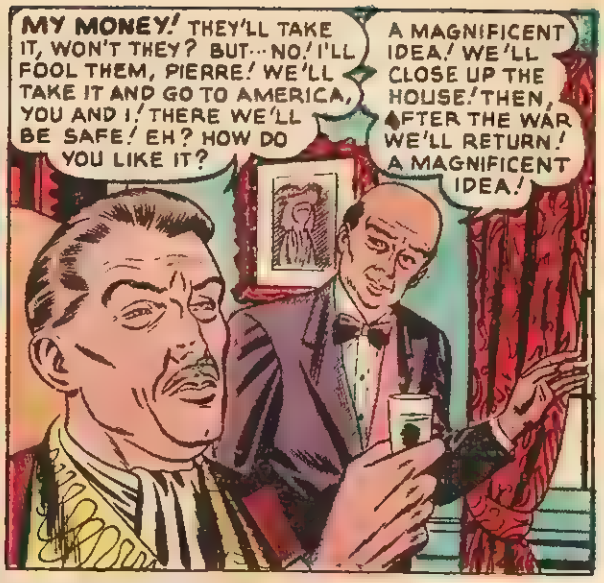


THE RECORDS ARE MATTER-OF-FACT NAMES, DATES, PLACES! THE PLACE WAS PARIS, FEB. 1915! THE NAMES WERE HENRI LEROUX, A RICH ECCENTRIC, AND HIS SECRETARY AND COMPANION, PIERRE CACHON, WHO HAD BEEN WITH M'SIEU LEROUX FOR TWENTY YEARS AS A LOYAL AND FAITHFUL SERVANT...



CACHON LIVED A VERY QUIET LIFE WITH HIS AGED EMPLOYER! IT SEEMED HIS ONLY AMBITION WAS TO SERVE LEROUX···


SACRE, PIERRE! THE SITUATION IN EUROPE LOOKS BAD! SOON ALL FRANCE WILL BE A RAGING BATTLE GROUND!
AND POOR US! THE HUNS WILL STEAL YOUR MONEY!

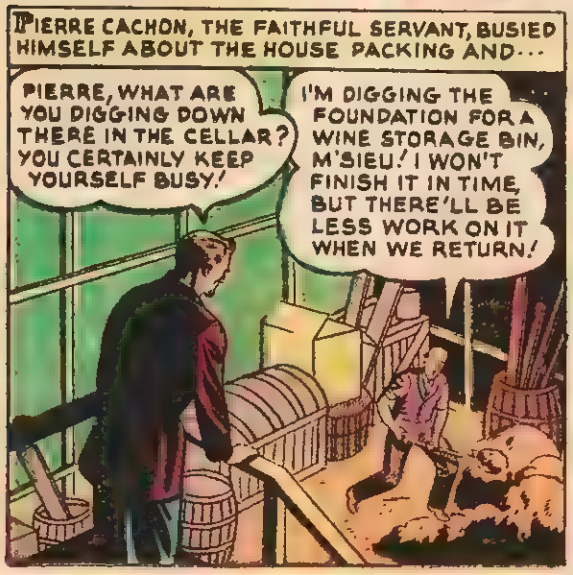

MY MONEY! THEY'LL TAKE IT, WON'T THEY? BUT··· NO! I'LL FOOL THEM, PIERRE! WE'LL TAKE IT AND GO TO AMERICA, YOU AND I! THERE WE'LL BE SAFE! EH? HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?
A MAGNIFICENT IDEA! WE'LL CLOSE UP THE HOUSE! THEN, AFTER THE WAR WE'LL RETURN! A MAGNIFICENT IDEA!

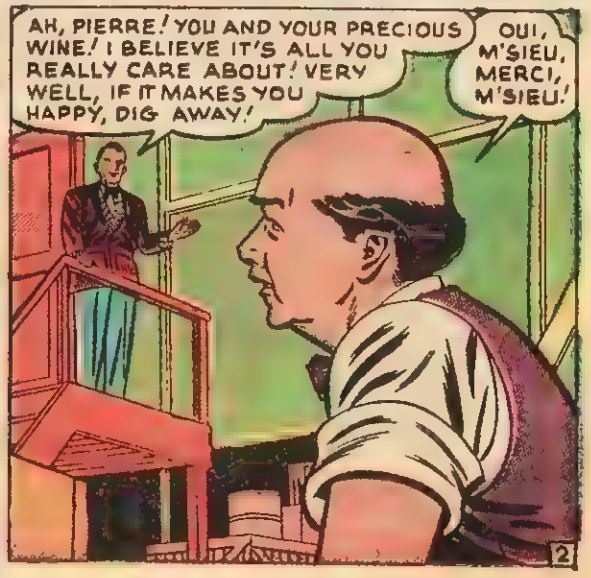
THE NEXT DAY LEROUX DREW ALL HIS CASH OUT OF THE BANK

HERE YOU ARE, M'SIEU LEROUX... TWO TICKETS ON THE REGINA FOR AMERICA! WE SAIL IN TWO WEEKS!
GOOD! GOOD! AND I'LL KEEP THE MONEY IN THE SAFE TILL WE'RE READY TO LEAVE!

IN AMERICAN MONEY, LEROUX HAD A MILLION AND A QUARTER IN CASH IN THAT SAFE! MANY A LIFE WAS LOST FOR FAR LESS THAN THAT! BUT THE MONEY REPOSED, SAFELY WAITING FOR THE TRIP TO AMERICA!

PIERRE CACHON, THE FAITHFUL SERVANT, BUSIED HIMSELF ABOUT THE HOUSE PACKING AND···


PIERRE, WHAT ARE YOU DIGGING DOWN THERE IN THE CELLAR? YOU CERTAINLY KEEP YOURSELF BUSY!
I'M DIGGING THE FOUNDATION FOR A WINE STORAGE BIN, M'SIEU! I WON'T FINISH IT IN TIME, BUT THERE'LL BE LESS WORK ON IT WHEN WE RETURN!


AH, PIERRE! YOU AND YOUR PRECIOUS WINE! I BELIEVE IT'S ALL YOU REALLY CARE ABOUT! VERY WELL, IF IT MAKES YOU HAPPY, DIG AWAY!
OUI, M'SIEU, MERCI, M'SIEU!

BESIDE HIS DIGGING, PIERRE ALSO PREPARED HIS AND LEROUX'S PERSONAL THINGS FOR SHIPMENT TO AMERICA...
WE DON'T WANT TO TAKE TOO MUCH! WE'LL BUY EVERYTHING WHEN WE GET THERE!
OUI, M'SIEU!
ON FEB. 20, THE EVE OF THEIR DEPARTURE, LEROUX'S FRIENDS VISITED HIM TO SAY GOOD-BYE!
MY ARTHRITIS WILL PREVENT ME FROM WRITING TO YOU IN LONG-HAND! I'LL COMPOSE ALL MY LETTERS TO YOU ON MY TYPEWRITER!
AS LONG AS WE HEAR, HENRI!
AH! I HAVE NO LIVING RELATIVES, BUT I AM BLESSED WITH MANY FRIENDS, EH? ESPECIALLY, FAITHFUL PIERRE! HE IS MORE THAN MY SERVANT! I HAVE A SURPRISE PLANNED FOR HIM!
TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM, PIERRE!
I WILL, INDEED!
THE OLD MAN WAS TIRED AND WANTED TO REST FOR THE TRIP, SO HIS FRIENDS LEFT EARLY!
OUR LAST NIGHT IN FRANCE, PIERRE! I SHALL MISS IT!
YOU WILL NOT HAVE A CHANCE TO MISS ANY-THING, M'SIEU LEROUX! YOU SEE, I'M GOING TO KILL YOU!
EH? MY HEARING IS NOT SO GOOD! WHAT DID YOU SAY?
PRAY, DO NOT RESIST IT! YOU'RE GOING TO DIE TONIGHT! ADIEU, M'SIEU LEROUX!
PIERRE! MON DIEU!
MURDER··· COLD, CALCULATED, HEARTLESS MURDER STRUCK IN THAT SEDATE HOUSE!

WORKING SYSTEMATICALLY AND METHODICALLY, PIERRE CARRIED THE OLD MAN'S BODY DOWN TO THE CELLAR···
...AND BURIED IT IN THE GRAVE HE HAD PREPARED, USING THE WINE BIN AS AN EXCUSE FOR HIS DIGGING!
FAREWELL, LEROUX, YOU OLD MISER! IT IS DONE! AS FAR AS THE WORLD KNOWS, YOU ARE IN AMERICA! I WILL WRITE YOUR LETTERS FOR YOU··· AND SPEND YOUR MONEY FOR YOU! NOBODY WILL EVER KNOW THAT YOU ARE DEAD! YOUR GRAVE IS MY SECRET··· AND I'LL KEEP IT A SECRET!
EARLY THE NEXT MORNING, CONFIDENT IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT HE HAD COMMITTED THE PERFECT CRIME, HE LOCKED UP AND LEFT FOR HIS SHIP!
SHALL I TAKE THE SMALL BAG, M'SIEU?
NO! I'LL CARRY THAT MYSELF!
...AND ARRIVED IN NEW YORK A RICH MAN AND CAPTAIN OF HIS DESTINY···
AH! RICHES! WOMEN! GOOD FOOD! CHAMPAGNE! THIS IS THE LIFE FOR ME FROM NOW ON!
TAXI! THE PARK RITZ, PLEASE!
YES, SIR!
BUT IN THE FLUSH OF SUCCESS, CACHON DID NOT FORGET THE TASK HE HAD OUTLINED TO MAKE SURE THERE WERE NO FLAWS IN HIS SCHEME, AND TO ESCAPE SUSPICION AND DETECTION!
FIRST, I WRITE MANY LETTERS IN HENRI'S NAME···THEN FEWER AND FEWER! GRADUALLY THEY WILL CEASE AND HE'LL BE FORGOTTEN! HE RESTS IN AN UNKNOWN GRAVE··· I'LL TAKE CARE THAT THE FUTURE WILL NEVER REVEAL MY CRIME!
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IT'S A GOOD THING HE HAD NO FRIENDS IN AMERICA! NO ONE TO SEE... AH! THIS IS PERFECT... PERFECT···
MR. CACHON!
YES! WHAT IS IT? I'M IN A HURRY!
THESE GENTLEMEN ARE HERE TO SEE YOU, SIR!
TO SEE ME? BUT WHY? I KNOW NO ONE HERE!
A THOUSAND PARDONS, MR. CACHON! I'M MILTON DOBRAY, OF DOBRAY, BEAL AND DOBRAY, ATTORNEYS!
THE FLESH ON PIERRE'S HEAD BEGAN TO CRAWL! DOBRAY, BEAL AND DOBRAY WAS THE NAME OF THE PARIS FIRM OF ATTORNEYS WHO HANDLED LEROUX'S AFFAIRS!
IT'S ABOUT M'SIEU LEROUX'S NEW WILL, M'SIEU! YOU ARE TO BE CONGRATULATED!
I?? WHY?
AH! YOU DON'T KNOW? HE'S LEAVING YOU ALL HIS FORTUNE!
THAT'S RIGHT! WE'VE DRAWN UP THE WILL ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM OUR PARIS OFFICE! ALL IT NEEDS IS HIS SIGNATURE! MAY WE SEE HIM?
ER... HE'S NOT ABOUT, GENTLEMEN! HE LEFT FOR FLORIDA, YESTERDAY!
PLEASE CALL US ON HIS RETURN, M'SIEU CACHON! HERE IS MY CARD!
YOU ARE A VERY LUCKY MAN! YOU SEEMED STUNNED BY YOUR GOOD FORTUNE!
OUI! STUNNED! GOOD DAY, GENTLEMEN!
GOOD DAY! HE MUST HAVE THOUGHT A LOT OF YOU, M'SIEU!
SACRE! I COULD HAVE HAD HIS MONEY WITHOUT KILLING HIM! HE WAS OLD... HE WOULD HAVE DIED SOON! OH, WELL! IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE! ALL I HAVE TO DO IS STALL THOSE TWO, AND I'LL BE ALL RIGHT!
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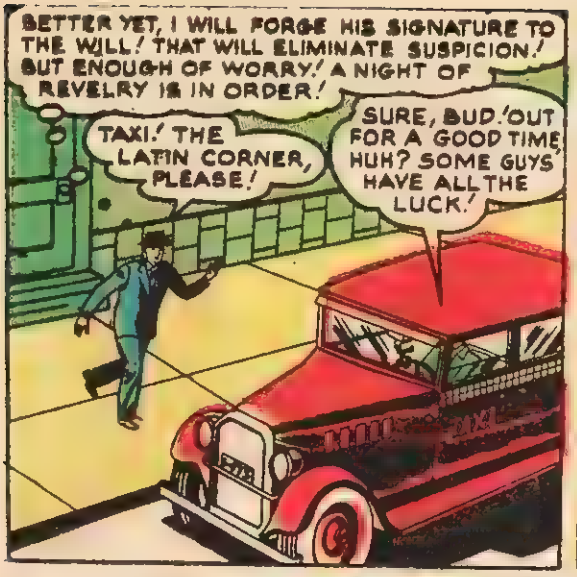
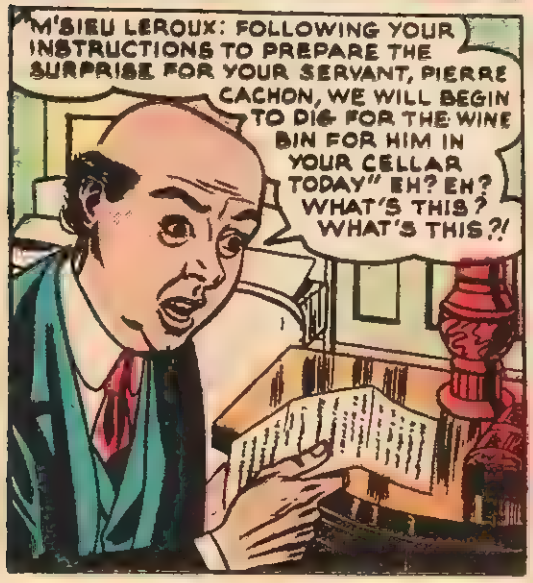
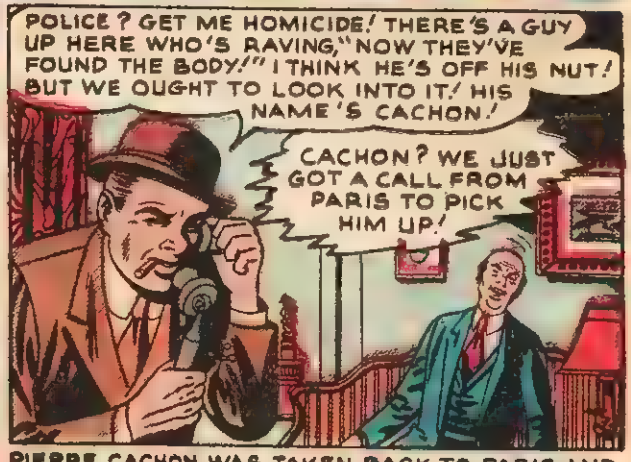

BETTER YET, I WILL FORGE HIS SIGNATURE TO THE WILL! THAT WILL ELIMINATE SUSPICION! BUT ENOUGH OF WORRY! A NIGHT OF REVELRY IS IN ORDER!
TAXI! THE LATIN CORNER, PLEASE!
SURE, BUD! OUT FOR A GOOD TIME, HUH? SOME GUYS HAVE ALL THE LUCK!

PIERRE STAGGERED HOME IN THE WEE HOURS...
LOOKS LIKE THE GENT HAD TOO MUCH!
YOU'D BETTER HELP HIM TO HIS ROOM, PETE! I HATE TO ASK THE HOUSE DETECTIVE TO DO IT, BUT THE BELLBOYS ARE ALL BUSY!

DETECTIVE PETE CAZZAVA, ATTACHED TO THE HOTEL, TOOK PIERRE TO HIS ROOM...
EASY DOES IT, SIR! THERE'S MAIL FOR YOU FROM FRANCE!
EH, AH! LA BELLE FRANCE! READ IT TO ME, WILL YOU, MY GOOD MAN?

OOPS! I MADE A MISTAKE! IT'S FOR HENRI LEROUX, IN YOUR CARE!
OH, THAT'S ALL RIGHT, MY FRIEND! YOU CAN READ IT TO ME! I HANDLE ALL OF M'SIEU LEROUX'S AFFAIRS!


M'SIEU LEROUX: FOLLOWING YOUR INSTRUCTIONS TO PREPARE THE SURPRISE FOR YOUR SERVANT, PIERRE CACHON, WE WILL BEGIN TO DIG FOR THE WINE BIN FOR HIM IN YOUR CELLAR TODAY" EH? EH? WHAT'S THIS? WHAT'S THIS?!


POLICE? GET ME HOMICIDE! THERE'S A GUY UP HERE WHO'S RAVING, "NOW THEY'VE FOUND THE BODY!" I THINK HE'S OFF HIS NUT! BUT WE OUGHT TO LOOK INTO IT! HIS NAME'S CACHON!
CACHON? WE JUST GOT A CALL FROM PARIS TO PICK HIM UP!

PIERRE CACHON WAS TAKEN BACK TO PARIS AND EXECUTED FOR THE MURDER OF HENRI LEROUX, WHOSE BODY WAS FOUND BY THE WINE BIN BUILDERS! SO A GRATEFUL EMPLOYER'S PLAN TO SURPRISE HIS FAITHFUL SERVANT, REALLY SURPRISED HIM! FOR JUSTICE IS A MEASURE OF FATE!

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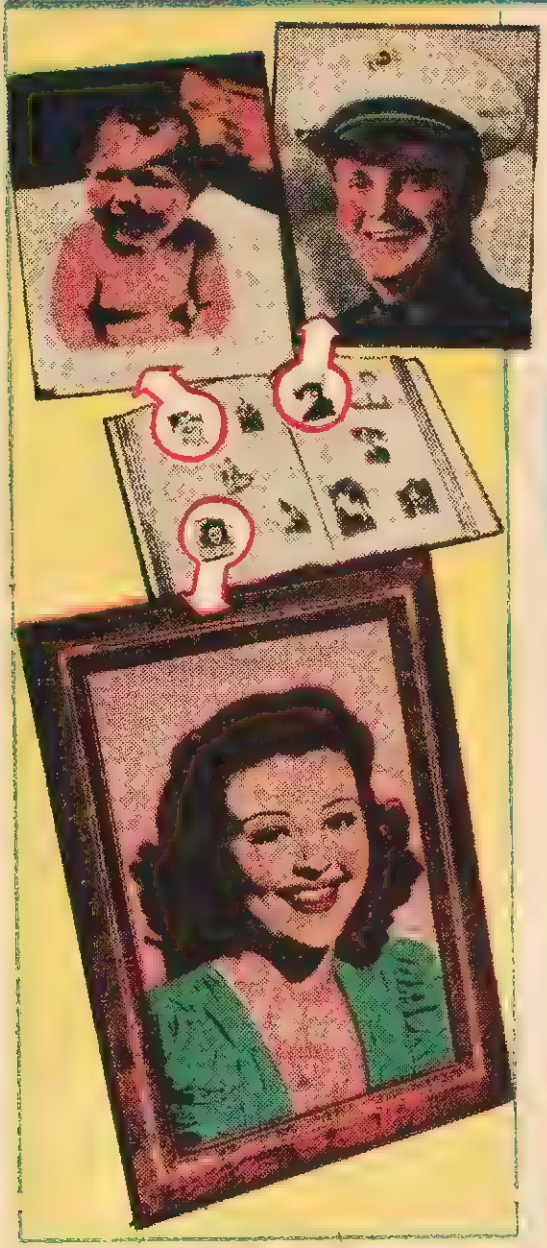

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THE PROMISE

"NICE night for a murder, hey?"

That's just about what you'd say on a night like this. The rain slapped the pavements in bucketfuls and the wind moaned until it coaxed you into pulling up your collar. If you were walking uptown you'd have to pull down your hat and bow your head to buck the sloppy, wet blows the wind was heaving. Vehement weather for a young evening to be tossing around.

The streets were deserted except for an occasional pedestrian slopping hurriedly over the rivery walks. Now and then a cab would crawl down the drag, the glowing headlights hunting for the street and shining like two huge cat's eyes. You'd probably also say that anyone who stuck his head out on a night like this was a dope . . . or a duck's ancestor.

Lower 59th Street would have been completely bare if it wasn't for a lone figure slowly slushing his way downtown.

"Rain, rain, rain! Why the heck doesn't it stop? What good is it? It's filthy! It's cold and wet and it ain't fit for a hound. Sure, dogs shouldn't be out, but *I'm* out! Lower than a flea-bitten poch. Ha! Watta laugh!"

The solitary drenched form spat at a passing taxi as it shot a spray of water over him. He mumbled a curse . . . not because of the water. Couldn't get any wetter. He cursed because he was mad at the world. He mumbled at the rain, at the lights and even himself. The flickering neons were the next victims of his wrath.

"Lookit those lights. They're laughing. Yes, laughing at me! Laugh, you flickering, fluttering fools, laugh!" Silence and a short self-appraisement, then the figure went on. "Guess I must be goin' nuts . . . but if they did laugh, I wouldn't blame 'em. Look at me. The Beau Brummel of the bums. Yeah, *Bum* Brummel," he corrected himself with a forced gurgle substituting for a laugh, "that's me . . . dirty, stinkin' clothes, no heels on my shoes, no soles . . . and no soul!"

The muttering outcast drew his ragged coat collar around his throat. The rain fell with a splash on his unshaven face and rolled off hurriedly in tiny rivulets as if eager to vacate so squalid a landing place. A cabby pulled up, "Wanna cab, mister?" The dripping figure looked up quickly, tugged down on his soaked hat and threw an answer at the driver.

"Naw, thanks, buddy, you can have it." He forced a chuckle and to himself, "Not bad. Mebby I shoulda been a comedian."

With a remark that sounded like, "Wise-guy," the cabby switched his drive out into the rain-studded avenue and disappeared into the scratches of rain.

"Do I wanna cab? Whatta laugh. I ain't got the price of a cup of java and he wants to know if I wanna cab. Sure, I wanna cab. I wanna million bucks, too . . . so what?"

The lighted avenue with its even row of glowing incandescent lights looked like an enormous bracelet studded with glittering jewels that would make the Star of Judah look like a five-and-dime creation. A transparent mist bestowed a brilliant halo upon every light and the rain continued its steady, tedious tattoo against the city streets.

The lone figure stepped into a doorway, removed his hat and slapped it against the wall in an effort to shake off some of the rain from the soaked headpiece. Two tiny dots of light flashed into view up the avenue and grew larger and brighter as a large limousine sped down the wet street splashing rain-made jewels from every wheel. As the costly automobile neared 59th Street at Lexington, the driver applied the brake and slowly pulled up to the curb.

"Pick me up here in an hour, Joseph," instructed the neatly dressed occupant as he emerged from the black vehicle. With a snappy, saluted, "Yes, sir," the chauffeur shifted gears and drove away.

"Pick me up in an hour, Joseph," mocked the drenched spectator and he heaved his soaked hat into the corner with disgust.

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gent glanced quickly up and down the street then ran over to where the vagrant had found shelter.

"Nasty night, isn't it?" the new refugee from the raindrops greeted.

The vagabound eyed the intruder suspiciously then sneered a single word through the side of his mouth, "Yeah!"

The hum-drum of the rain played a dull, monotonous tune on the wet concrete, its irksome sameness broken by an occasional blast from some passing conveyance. The well-attired gent pushed back the sleeve of his rain-spotted Camel-hair coat and glanced at his time piece.

"Eight-fifteen," he murmured, then turned to the tramp and asked, "been here long?"

Shivering like an aspen leaf the hobo tried to light up a wet butt that flickered out every time he pulled away one of his sputtering damp matches. He mumbled a few choice words under his breath and tossed the soaked fag into the rain, then he turned to the stranger, "What's it to ya? What are ya, a cop?"

No, I'm not an officer," confessed the stranger, offering the derelict a dry smoke. "I just asked because I was to meet someone here. Someone with whom I made an appointment with fifteen years ago. I know it sounds fantastic, but it's true. Fifteen years ago when I was in college, my roommate and dearest friend, Jim Jackson, and I made a sort of sacred pledge to meet here at the corner of 59th and Lexington. We vowed that nothing was to stop us. That no matter where we lived or what we worked at, we'd meet this day at eight o'clock.

"Last I heard of Jim he was an important attorney in California. Then the war came and I sort of lost track of him. Always knew that good ol' Jim would make good. He had it in him. Was voted most likely to succeed when we graduated. Yep, good ol' Jim, I can't wait until I see him. I know that he won't go back on his word. He's not that kind of a guy. Guess I sort of made good too, but mine came the easy way. Had more than my share of luck and before I knew it I was called a rich man."

The tramp spat into the drizzle, pushed back his hair and flicked his cig into the gutter. He watched the butt roll on the heaving sea of the gutter like a ship on a stormy night; it fought the waves then gave up in despair and was carried down to the sewer.

"That's a mighty pretty story, stranger, but it doesn't do my stomach any good. Do you think I'd be puttin' a big dent into that bankroll of yours if I bummed ya for a two-bit piece?"

"I don't blame you for thinking it's a crazy story. Does sound like something you'd read out of a book. But for playing the part of such an attentive audience to my fancy tale I guess I owe you something." He reached into his pocket, stabbed into his wallet without looking and handed one of the bills to the tramp.

The ragged hobo examined the bill and let out a low whistle. "A fiver, huh? Thanks, buddy. I better get some grub into me. So long, Mac, an' I sure hope yer pal shows up." He turned up his collar and stepped out into the wet again.

"Guess I don't know how fortunate I really am," the well-dressed man told himself as he watched the rain swallow up the tramp. "Poor guy *must* have been hungry, even forgot his hat." He chuckled softly and in pity as he picked up the rain-heavy hat.

"Soaked clean through. Poor wretch."

As the tramp slopped along he tried to wipe away the tears that mingled with the rain on his weatherbeaten face. Tears which the guy back there might have noticed had it not been raining.

"A fiver he gave me. Good ol' Jeffery Boles, that's just like him. Always helpin' somebody." His thoughts took wing and soared into the years past; to college days . . . to diplomas . . . handshakes . . . kissing . . . well-wishing . . . promises. "But I didn't go back on mine," he answered himself as if accused. "Of course he'll never know, but I was there . . ."

As Jeffery Boles' limousine purred on its way home, he, too, gulped the lump that rose in his throat as he fondled the battered hat he had picked up in the doorway. Inside the hat, on the sweatband, barely visible he saw stamped there the name . . . James Jackson.

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WE KNOW YOU WERE AT THE CLAYMORE RESIDENCE SEVERAL NIGHTS BEFORE THE ROBBERY, "DUKE"!
..AND YOU WERE AT THE HOMES OF THE VICTIMS PRIOR TO EVERY BIG JEWEL ROBBERY THIS YEAR!
WALTERS, JACK
FILE NO. B-789-A
ALIAS: JACQUES DE VALLON
INTERNATIONAL JEWEL THIEF
CONVICTED AND SENTENCED TO 10-20 YEARS AT HARD LABOR.
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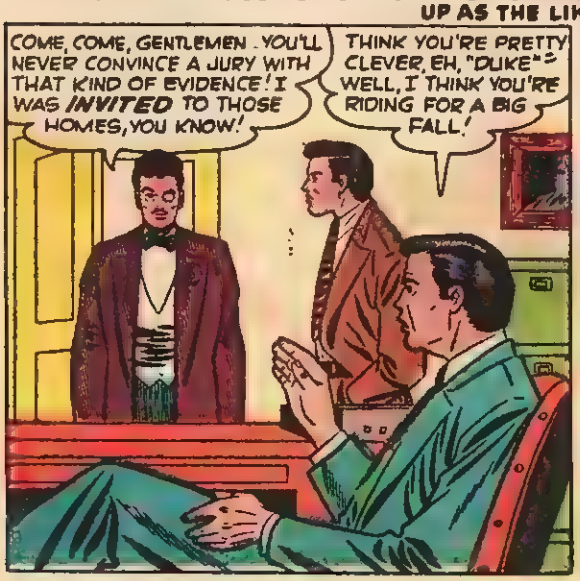
HE CALLED HIMSELF JACQUES DE VALLON, BUT THE NEW YORK POLICE KNEW HIM AS JACK WALTERS, OR "DUKE"-- LONG A SUSPECTED INTERNATIONAL JEWEL THIEF, BUT NEVER PROVEN GUILTY! AFTER A SERIES OF GEM THEFTS ON FIFTH AVENUE IN 1936, THE DUKE WAS PICKED UP AS THE LIKELY CULPRIT...


COME, COME, GENTLEMEN. YOU'LL NEVER CONVINCE A JURY WITH THAT KIND OF EVIDENCE! I WAS INVITED TO THOSE HOMES, YOU KNOW!
THINK YOU'RE PRETTY CLEVER, EH, "DUKE"? WELL, I THINK YOU'RE RIDING FOR A BIG FALL!

DON'T BLAME ME FOR POLICE INCOMPETENCE, CAPTAIN? WHY, I COULD STEAL THE BADGE RIGHT OFF YOUR UNIFORM!
WHY, YOU YOU BIG PHONEY! GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE I..
JUST A SECOND! IS THAT A CHALLENGE, "DUKE"?

TAKE IT AS YOU WILL! AND I MUST ASK YOU NOT TO BOTHER ME AGAIN, OR I SHALL BE FORCED TO BRING SUIT FOR FALSE ARREST!
GET OUT OF HERE!
I'LL SHOW HIM, McCOY! I WANT THAT MAN SHADOWED DAY AND NIGHT! WE WON'T GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO PULL ANOTHER ROBBERY!
HE EXPECTS TO BE TAILED! HE WANTS TO STEAL SOMETHING RIGHT UNDER OUR NOSES ...MAKE FOOLS OF US! WELL, LET HIM TRY!
A MINUTE LATER..
I'LL TEACH THEM TO BE IMPERTINENT! LET'S GO, EMMA... WE ARE GOING TO HAVE COMPANY!
AH, DID THEY GIVE YOU A ROUGH TIME, JACQUES DARLING?
THEY WOULDN'T DARE! BUT TO DRAG ME INTO POLICE HEADQUARTERS...JACQUES DE VALLON, WHO HAS OUT-SMARTED THE POLICE OF LONDON AND PARIS!
WELL, DON'T LOOK NOW, BUT I THINK WE'RE GOING TO BE FOLLOWED BY TWO OF NEW YORK'S POLICE!
YES, I PRACTICALLY INVITED THEM TO WATCH ME STEAL THE GOLIATH DIAMOND...YET, HE WILL BE A WITNESS TO MY INNOCENCE! AMUSING?
NOT VERY! HE MIGHT BE SMARTER THAN YOU THINK! WELL, HERE'S THE CHEWING GUM!
FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER, ON FIFTH AVENUE...
BUT HE WOULDN'T TRY TO ROB PINARD'S IF HE KNEW WE WERE RIGHT BEHIND HIM!
HE KNOWS, ALL RIGHT! HE'S GOING TO TRY TO SHOW US UP!
HE'S TALKING TO A SALESMAN! I'M GOING IN AND SHOW THE "DUKE" WE'RE WATCHING EVERY MOVE HE MAKES!
NO...IF WE CATCH HIM WITH THE GOODS, WE CAN PUT HIM BEHIND BARS, WHERE HE WON'T HAVE TO BE WATCHED!
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SO THIS IS THE FAMOUS GOLIATH! IT'S AS BEAUTIFUL AS THEY SAY... I MUST HAVE IT FOR THE "DUCHESS"! BUT THE SETTING MUST BE SOMETHING SPECIAL!
BUT OF COURSE, DUKE! OUR DESIGNER, MR. PEABODY WILL BE HAPPY TO MAKE SOME SUGGESTIONS! YOU'LL EXCUSE ME WHILE I CALL HIM!
THIS IS SO SIMPLE I'M ALMOST ASHAMED TO DO IT! HA! I CAN FEEL THE EYES OF THE LAW ON ME...
OH, SIR... JUST A MOMENT... DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE OUR MR. PEABODY? OH, DUKE...
NOW IT COMES— I DO HOPE I CAN KEEP A STRAIGHT FACE!
THE GOLIATH IS MISSING! THAT BEAUTIFUL $200,000 STONE... GONE!
STOP THAT MAN!
ALL RIGHT, "DUKE"... YOU AREN'T GOING ANYWHERE!
THIS IS AN OUTRAGE! I'LL SUE, MARK MY WORDS!
AFTER WE'VE FINISHED SEARCHING YOU, PHONEY, YOU'LL WISH YOU HADN'T TRIED TO MAKE MONKEYS OUT OF THE POLICE!
YOU'LL FIND PRIVACY IN MY OFFICE, GENTLEMEN!
FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER...
I'LL HAVE YOU BROKEN FOR THIS, CAPTAIN! YOU'LL ALL HEAR FROM MY ATTORNEY IN THE MORNING!
IT... IT LOOKS LIKE WE OWE YOU AN APOLOGY, "DUKE", BUT YOU'RE STILL A CROOK!
I DON'T LIKE LETTING HIM GO... "DUKE" MUST KNOW WHERE THE GOLIATH DIAMOND IS!
HOW LONG COULD WE HOLD HIM WITHOUT PROOF? YOU KNOW, HE COULD SUE FOR FALSE ARREST!
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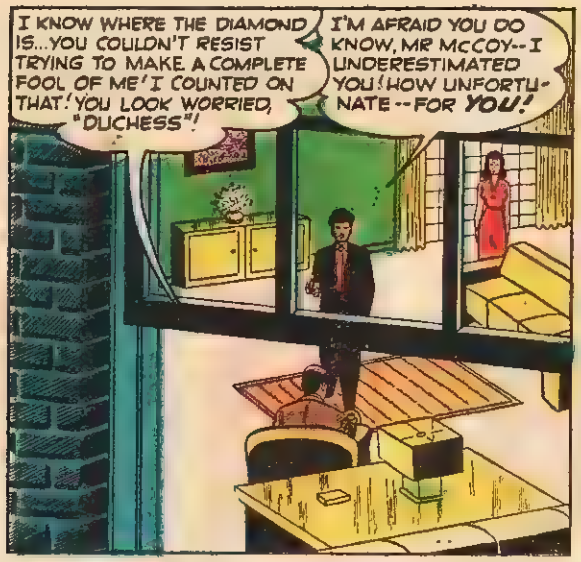
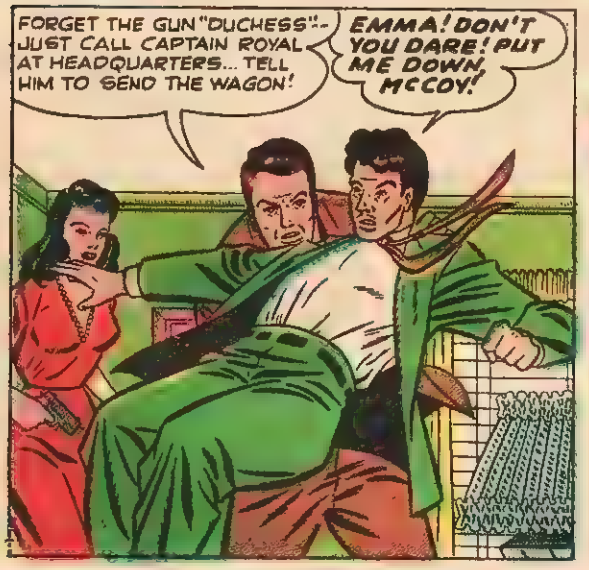
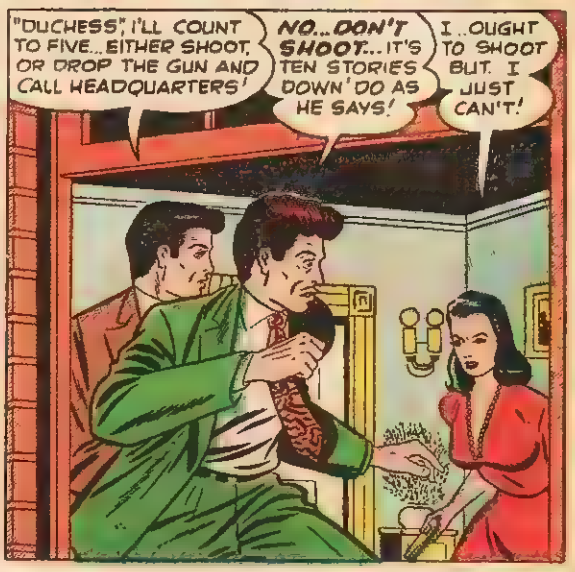
NICE WORK, BABY... I'VE GOT THE GOLIATH!
HAH.. SPLENDID! LET'S GET AWAY FROM HERE! THOSE FOOLS...
...I STILL SUSPECT THAT MAN... NO GENUINE DUKE WOULD BE SEEN CHEWING GUM...
WELL, HE'S JUST A...WAIT... DID YOU SAY HE WAS CHEWING GUM? A DUDE LIKE THE "DUKE" WOULDN'T BE FOUND DEAD DOING THAT ORDINARILY!
WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH ANY-THING!
WE WERE TAKEN IN BY A SIMPLE TRICK! THE "DUKE" STUCK THE GOLIATH UNDER THIS COUNTER LEDGE WITH GUM..
...AND WHILE WE WERE SEARCHING HIM, AN ACCOMPLICE CAME IN, REMOVED THE DIAMOND, AND CALMLY WALKED OUT! DRAT THAT MAN!
IF YOU DON'T MIND, CAPTAIN, I'D LIKE TO PAY OUR LITTLE CHUM A VISIT-- AFTER HE'S HAD TIME TO PREPARE FOR ME!
PINA
ENTRANCE
TWO HOURS LATER, AT THE APARTMENT OF THE "DUKE" DE VALLON!
YOU'LL FORGIVE THE INTRUSION, "DUKE," BUT SOMEBODY GUMMED UP THE WORKS!
A HORRIBLE PUN, SIR.. DO COME IN. I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU!
I DON'T THINK YOU'VE MET MY WIFE, DETECTIVE McCOY. LET HER TELL YOU ABOUT OUR ADVENTURES WITH SCOTLAND YARD, WHILE I FIX SOME DRINKS!
AH, CHARMED, "DUCHESS"!-- JUST SOME GINGER ALE, IF YOU PLEASE, "DUKE".
YOU KNOW WHY I'M HERE! I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS ICE -- $200,000 WORTH OF IT! I'M REFERRING TO THE GOLIATH DIAMOND, OF COURSE!
OH, YOU STILL THINK I TOOK IT! YOU'RE WELCOME TO SEARCH THE PLACE!

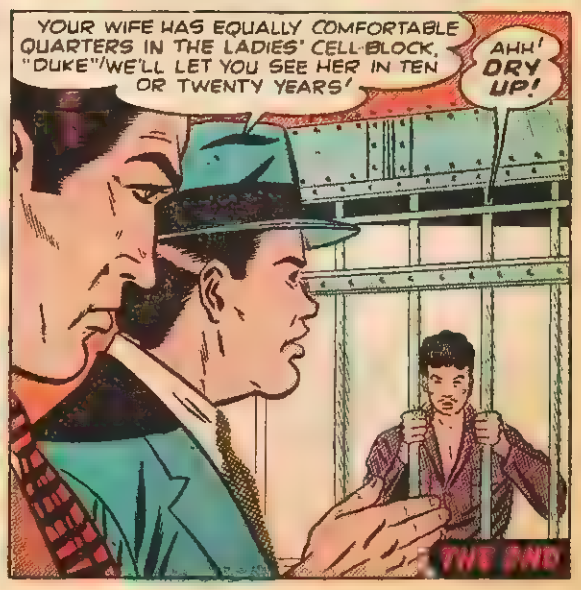

I KNOW WHERE THE DIAMOND IS...YOU COULDN'T RESIST TRYING TO MAKE A COMPLETE FOOL OF ME! I COUNTED ON THAT! YOU LOOK WORRIED, "DUCHESS"!
I'M AFRAID YOU DO KNOW, MR McCOY--I UNDERESTIMATED YOU! HOW UNFORTUNATE--FOR YOU!

THE GOLIATH DIAMOND IS IN AN ICE CUBE IN MY GLASS--AN OLD TRICK, "DUKE"! I'M SORRY TO UPSET YOUR PLANS!
YI!
JACQUES, YOU FOOL, ...I WARNED YOU...


FORGET THE GUN "DUCHESS"--JUST CALL CAPTAIN ROYAL AT HEADQUARTERS... TELL HIM TO SEND THE WAGON!
EMMA! DON'T YOU DARE! PUT ME DOWN, McCOY!


"DUCHESS", I'LL COUNT TO FIVE...EITHER SHOOT, OR DROP THE GUN AND CALL HEADQUARTERS!
NO...DON'T SHOOT...IT'S TEN STORIES DOWN! DO AS HE SAYS!
I..OUGHT TO SHOOT BUT. I JUST CAN'T!

IN AN HOUR OR SO...
YOU MEAN HE DELIBERATELY GAVE YOU A GLASS OF GINGER ALE WITH THE DIAMOND FROZEN INTO AN ICE CUBE?
RIGHT! I WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE THE GOLIATH RIGHT IN MY HAND, AND NOT KNOW IT! HOW HE WOULD HAVE LAUGHED!


YOUR WIFE WAS EQUALLY COMFORTABLE QUARTERS IN THE LADIES' CELL-BLOCK, "DUKE"/WE'LL LET YOU SEE HER IN TEN OR TWENTY YEARS!
AHH! DRY UP!
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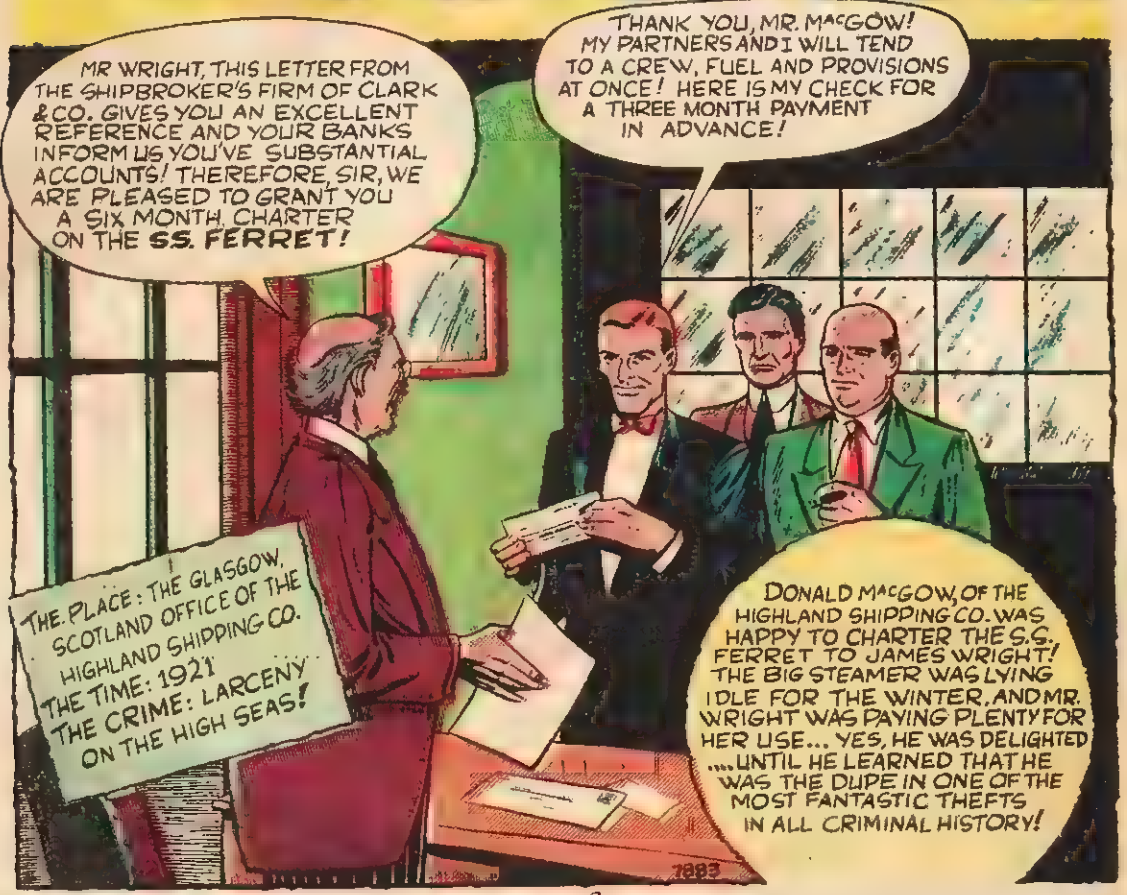
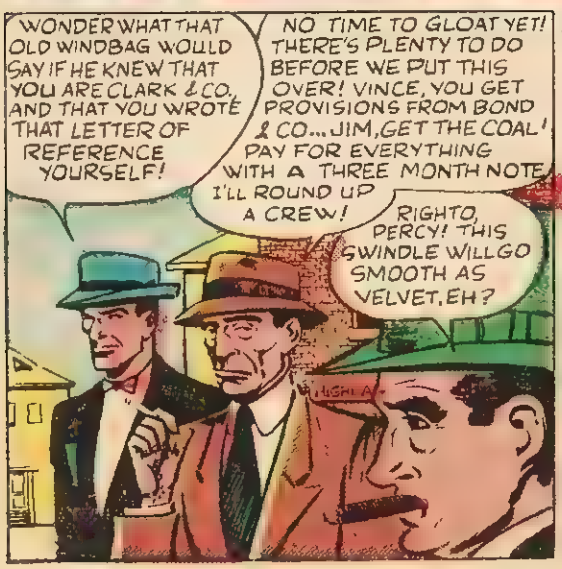
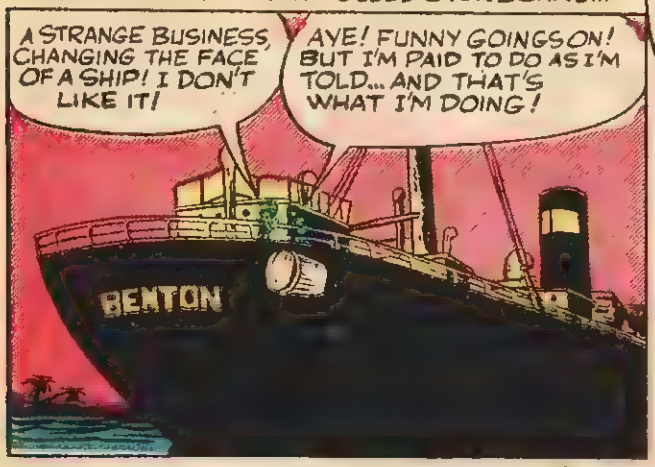

MR WRIGHT, THIS LETTER FROM THE SHIPBROKER'S FIRM OF CLARK & CO. GIVES YOU AN EXCELLENT REFERENCE AND YOUR BANKS INFORM US YOU'VE SUBSTANTIAL ACCOUNTS! THEREFORE, SIR, WE ARE PLEASED TO GRANT YOU A SIX MONTH CHARTER ON THE SS. FERRET!
THANK YOU, MR. MACGOW! MY PARTNERS AND I WILL TEND TO A CREW, FUEL AND PROVISIONS AT ONCE! HERE IS MY CHECK FOR A THREE MONTH PAYMENT IN ADVANCE!
THE PLACE: THE GLASGOW, SCOTLAND OFFICE OF THE HIGHLAND SHIPPING CO.
THE TIME: 1921
THE CRIME: LARCENY ON THE HIGH SEAS!
DONALD MACGOW, OF THE HIGHLAND SHIPPING CO. WAS HAPPY TO CHARTER THE S.S. FERRET TO JAMES WRIGHT! THE BIG STEAMER WAS LYING IDLE FOR THE WINTER, AND MR. WRIGHT WAS PAYING PLENTY FOR HER USE... YES, HE WAS DELIGHTED ....UNTIL HE LEARNED THAT HE WAS THE DUPE IN ONE OF THE MOST FANTASTIC THEFTS IN ALL CRIMINAL HISTORY!

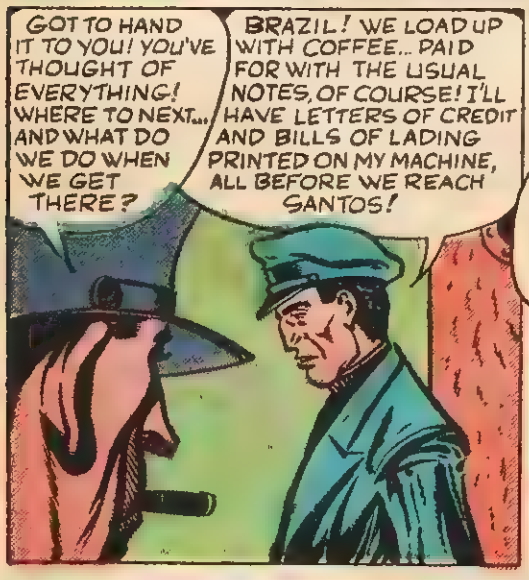

WONDER WHAT THAT OLD WINDBAG WOULD SAY IF HE KNEW THAT YOU ARE CLARK & CO. AND THAT YOU WROTE THAT LETTER OF REFERENCE YOURSELF!
NO TIME TO GLOAT YET! THERE'S PLENTY TO DO BEFORE WE PUT THIS OVER! VINCE, YOU GET PROVISIONS FROM BOND & CO... JIM, GET THE COAL! PAY FOR EVERYTHING WITH A THREE MONTH NOTE. I'LL ROUND UP A CREW!
RIGHTO, PERCY! THIS SWINDLE WILL GO SMOOTH AS VELVET, EH?

A WEEK LATER, THE S.S. FERRET SAILED FOR MARSEILLES! OR SO HER CAPTAIN ANNOUNCED...
THIS'LL BE THE CHEAPEST VOYAGE EVER MADE... ALL PAID FOR WITH WORTHLESS NOTES! BUT WHERE TO FROM HERE, PERCY?
MARSEILLES, OF COURSE! THAT IS, UNTIL WE GET OUT OF SIGHT OF THE ROCK OF GIBRALTAR! THEN WE FIND A QUIET SPOT OFF THE COAST OF AFRICA... AND GOOD-BYE, FERRET!

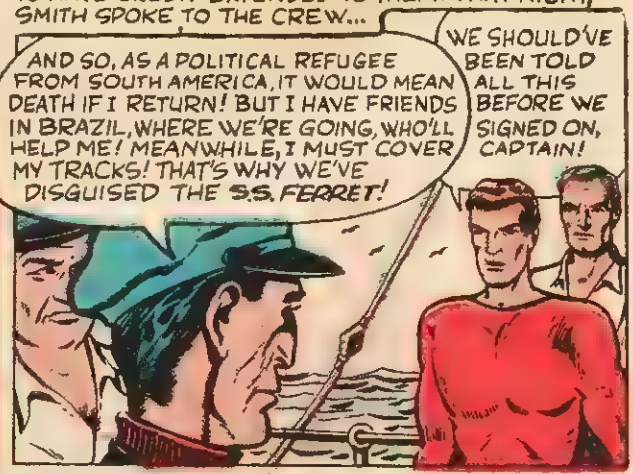
OFF THE AFRICAN COAST, THE SHIP WAS RAPIDLY TRANSFORMED... THE CREW GAVE HER A COAT OF BLACK PAINT, THE FITTINGS WERE REMOVED, AND HER NAME CHANGED TO THE BENTON! EVERYTHING WITH HER ORIGINAL NAME WAS TOSSED OVERBOARD...

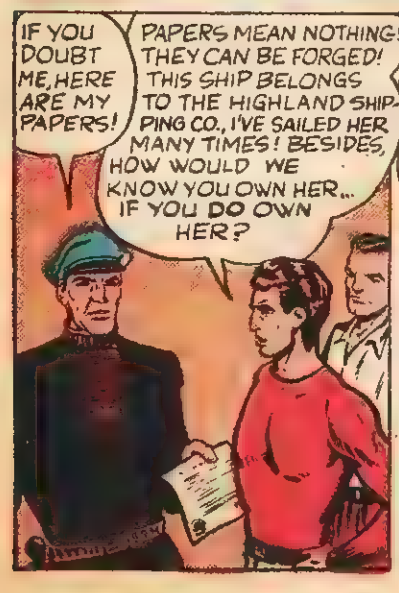

A STRANGE BUSINESS, CHANGING THE FACE OF A SHIP! I DON'T LIKE IT!
AYE! FUNNY GOINGS ON! BUT I'M PAID TO DO AS I'M TOLD... AND THAT'S WHAT I'M DOING!
BENTON

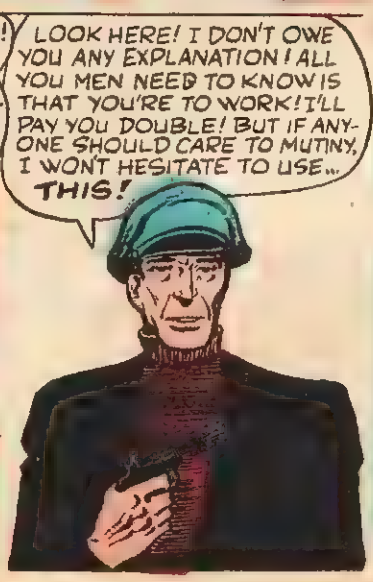
THE MEN ARE GRUMBLING! THIS LOOKS SUSPICIOUS TO THEM, PERC! HOW'LL WE EXPLAIN THIS?
I'LL GIVE THEM A CONVINCING STORY, VINCE, WHEN THEY'RE DONE! DON'T FORGET THE FORGED PAPERS I MADE UP! THEY'LL SATISFY ANYBODY!


GOT TO HAND IT TO YOU! YOU'VE THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING! WHERE TO NEXT... AND WHAT DO WE DO WHEN WE GET THERE?
BRAZIL! WE LOAD UP WITH COFFEE... PAID FOR WITH THE USUAL NOTES, OF COURSE! I'LL HAVE LETTERS OF CREDIT AND BILLS OF LADING PRINTED ON MY MACHINE, ALL BEFORE WE REACH SANTOS!

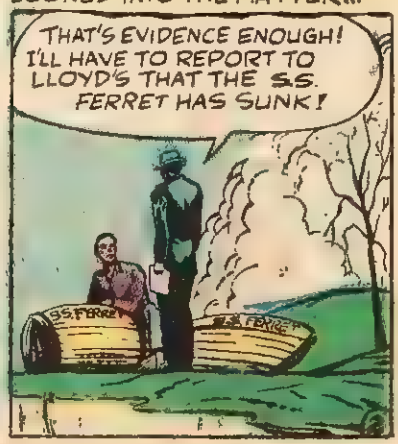
THE GANG WORKED WITH PRECISION! THEY HAD A PRINTING PRESS TO MAKE UP THE FORGED PAPERS AND THE FACT THAT THEY HAD A SHIP WAS ENOUGH TO HAVE CREDIT EXTENDED TO THEM! THAT NIGHT, SMITH SPOKE TO THE CREW...


AND SO, AS A POLITICAL REFUGEE FROM SOUTH AMERICA, IT WOULD MEAN DEATH IF I RETURN! BUT I HAVE FRIENDS IN BRAZIL, WHERE WE'RE GOING, WHO'LL HELP ME! MEANWHILE, I MUST COVER MY TRACKS! THAT'S WHY WE'VE DISGUISED THE S.S. FERRET!
WE SHOULD'VE BEEN TOLD ALL THIS BEFORE WE SIGNED ON, CAPTAIN!

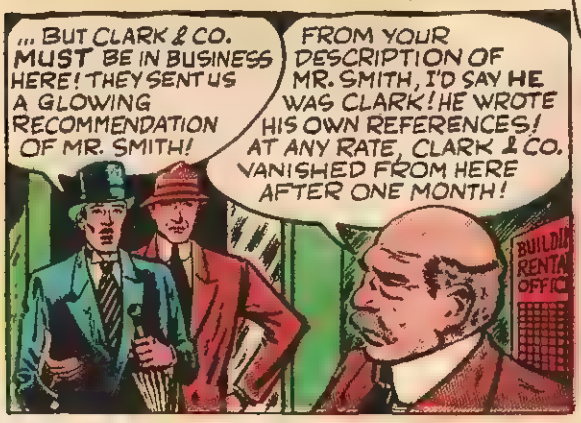

IF YOU DOUBT ME, HERE ARE MY PAPERS!
PAPERS MEAN NOTHING! THEY CAN BE FORGED! THIS SHIP BELONGS TO THE HIGHLAND SHIPPING CO., I'VE SAILED HER MANY TIMES! BESIDES, HOW WOULD WE KNOW YOU OWN HER... IF YOU DO OWN HER?


LOOK HERE! I DON'T OWE YOU ANY EXPLANATION! ALL YOU MEN NEED TO KNOW IS THAT YOU'RE TO WORK! I'LL PAY YOU DOUBLE! BUT IF ANY-ONE SHOULD CARE TO MUTINY, I WON'T HESITATE TO USE... THIS!

THE PLAN PROGRESSED.. "WRECKAGE" FROM THE S.S. FERRET WAS FOUND OFF THE STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR! THE REPRESENTATIVE OF LLOYD'S LOOKED INTO THE MATTER...



THREE MONTHS LATER, THE SWINDLERS' NOTES WERE DUE! THE CREDITORS SENT THE NOTES TO THE BANKS TO BE HONORED, BUT WERE STUNNED TO LEARN THAT THOSE "GENTLEMEN" HAD LONG SINCE WITHDRAWN THEIR ACCOUNTS! THE NEXT STOP FOR THE CREDITORS WAS AN OFFICE BUILDING ON GRACECHURCH ST., LONDON...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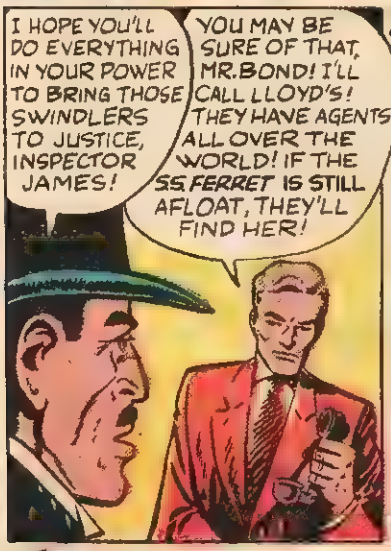
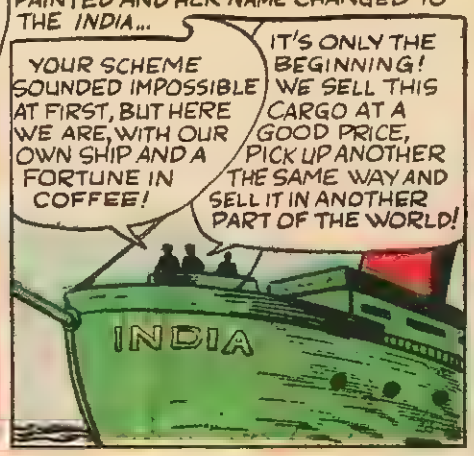
...FROM GRACECHURCH STREET THEY WENT TO SCOTLAND YARD...

PERHAPS THE SS. FERRET'S SUNK, PERHAPS NOT! BUT WE'D LIKE TO KNOW FOR SURE WHETHER THOSE SCOUNDRELS WERE ABOARD!
LLOYD'S HAS ALREADY PAID OFF ON HER INSURANCE! BUT FROM WHAT YOU'VE TOLD ME, I THINK YOU'VE ALL BEEN VICTIMIZED BY A GIGANTIC HOAX, GENTLEMEN!

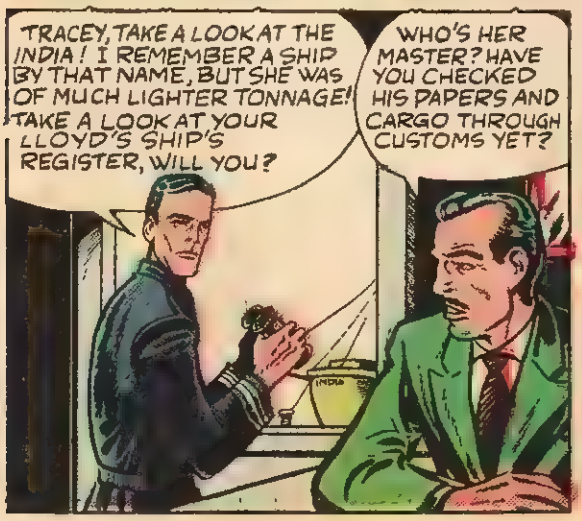

I HOPE YOU'LL DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO BRING THOSE SWINDLERS TO JUSTICE, INSPECTOR JAMES!
YOU MAY BE SURE OF THAT, MR. BOND! I'LL CALL LLOYD'S! THEY HAVE AGENTS ALL OVER THE WORLD! IF THE SS. FERRET IS STILL AFLOAT, THEY'LL FIND HER!

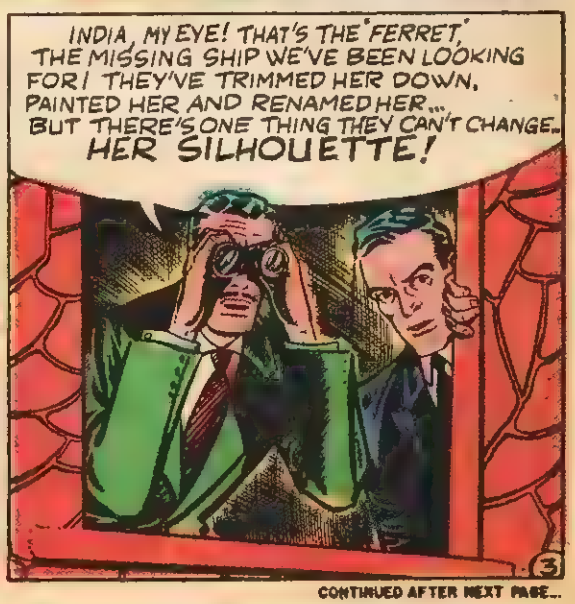
MEANWHILE, THE SHIP, WITH A $60,000 CARGO OF BRAZILIAN COFFEE, PAID FOR IN WORTHLESS NOTES, WAS AGAIN PAINTED AND HER NAME CHANGED TO THE *INDIA*...


YOUR SCHEME SOUNDED IMPOSSIBLE AT FIRST, BUT HERE WE ARE, WITH OUR OWN SHIP AND A FORTUNE IN COFFEE!
IT'S ONLY THE BEGINNING! WE SELL THIS CARGO AT A GOOD PRICE, PICK UP ANOTHER THE SAME WAY AND SELL IT IN ANOTHER PART OF THE WORLD!
INDIA

SO FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, THE INDIA SAILED INTO MANY PORTS, BUYING WITH SPURIOUS NOTES AND SELLING FOR CASH! FINALLY, SHE ARRIVED IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

THERE, AN ALERT CUSTOMS MAN, OFFICER HARRY CAVANAUGH, NOTICED SOMETHING STRANGE...


TRACEY, TAKE A LOOK AT THE *INDIA*! I REMEMBER A SHIP BY THAT NAME, BUT SHE WAS OF MUCH LIGHTER TONNAGE! TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR LLOYD'S SHIP'S REGISTER, WILL YOU?
WHO'S HER MASTER? HAVE YOU CHECKED HIS PAPERS AND CARGO THROUGH CUSTOMS YET?
INDIA


INDIA, MY EYE! THAT'S THE 'FERRET,' THE MISSING SHIP WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR! THEY'VE TRIMMED HER DOWN, PAINTED HER AND RENAMED HER... BUT THERE'S ONE THING THEY CAN'T CHANGE... HER SILHOUETTE!
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UGH-HH!
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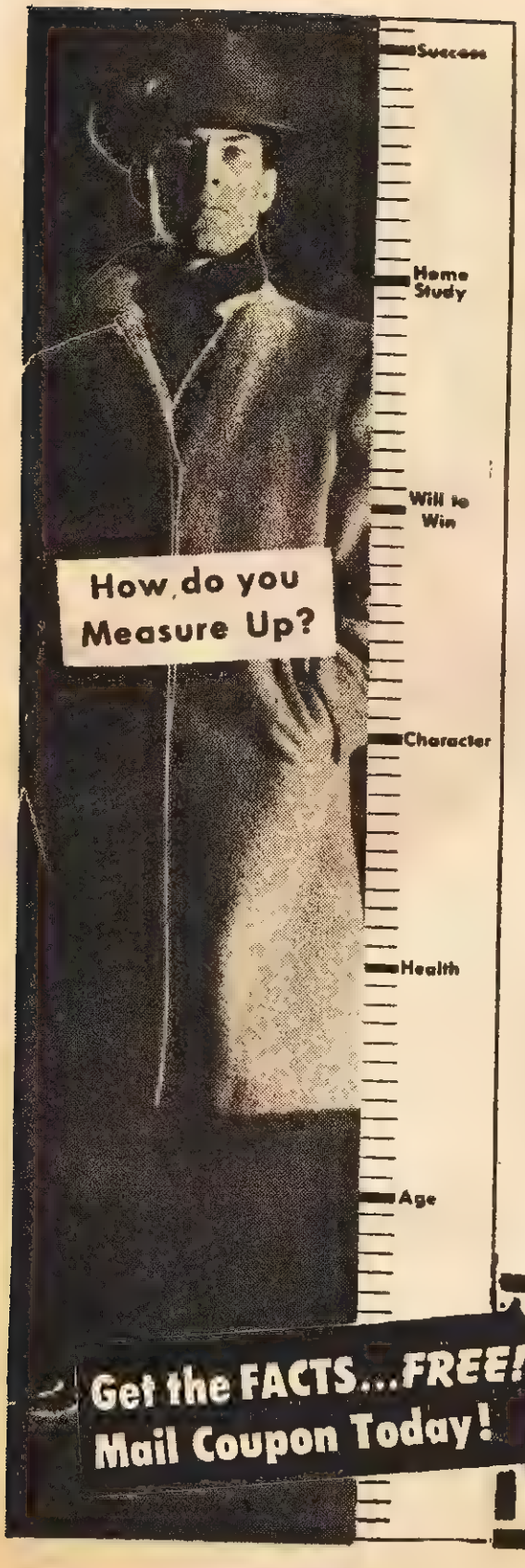

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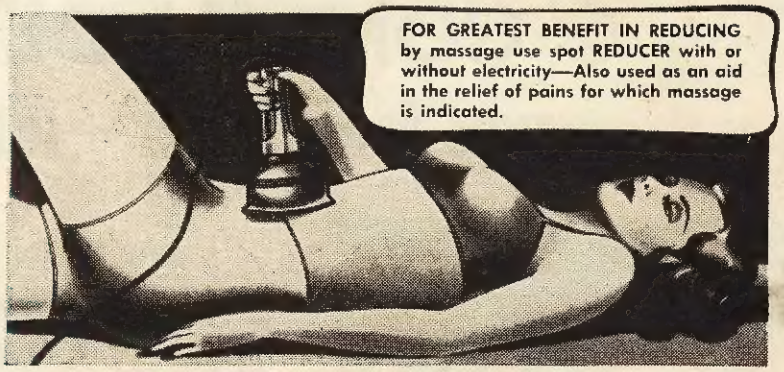

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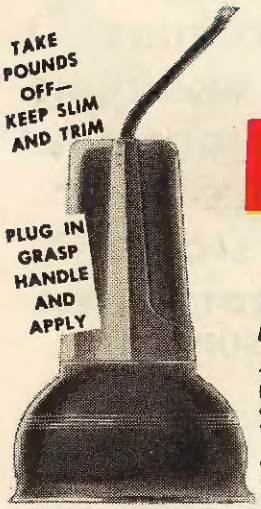

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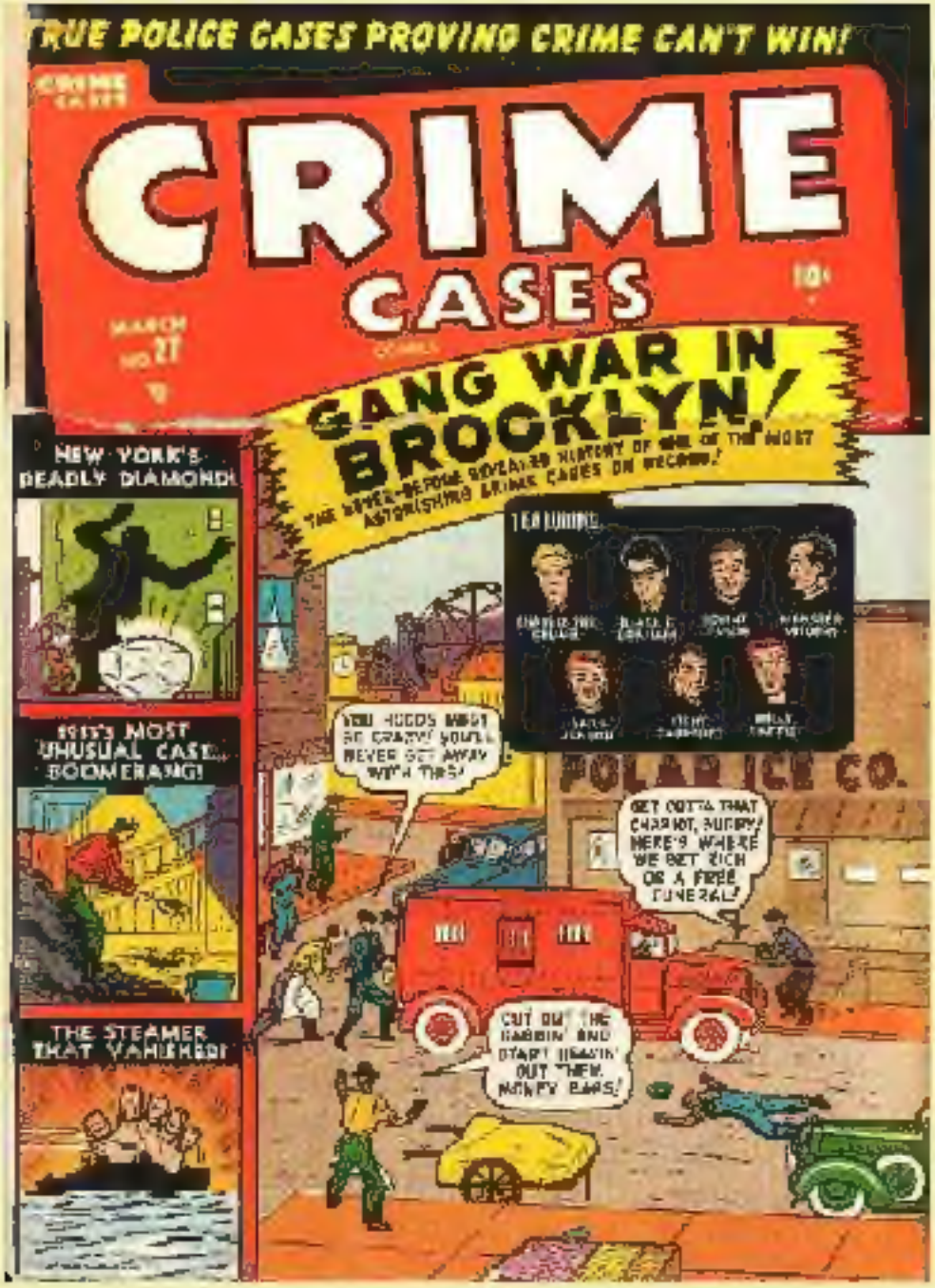
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